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Re: Application of Midori ARAYA, Keisuke HABA, Hajime WADA,
Naruhiko KATAGIRI and Yu SHINAGAWA
PRINTING APPARATUS AND PRINTING METHOD
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q87222

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ sixteen (16) sheets of drawings (figs. 1-17).
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references and a copy of each reference cited in the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1260.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Since April 3, 2005 (30 months from the priority date) fell on a Sunday, the submission of these papers on Monday, April 4, 2005 is sufficient for National Stage Entry.

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